Recovery of gunnybags containing explosives

1625. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether two gunnybags containing explosives were recovered from the Kazipeth-Nagpur passenger train at the Nagpur railway station on the 18th February, 2005;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether an inquiry has been ordered in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the inquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) Yes sir. Two plastic bags of yellow colour containing explosives were recovered from the Kazipeth-Nagpur passenger train at Nagpur Railway Station on 18th February, 2005.

In one bag, one plastic polythene packet was found containing 16 were bundles of red colour. In another plastic bag, 6 wire bundles of blue colour, 20 Gelatin sticks and 2 paper boxes were found. One paper box contained 100 detonators and 80 detonators were found in another paper box.

(c) and (d) In this regard an offence has been registered on 18.2.2005 at PS, GRP, Nagpur *vide* Cr. No.B/1/2005 U/S 286 IPC, 5 Explosive Act, 67/164 Indian Railway Act.

Smuggling of arms

†1626. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that arms are being smuggled in large quantity in the country;

(b) the total number of cases which have come to light during last three years and the number of persons arrested so far; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to check this smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Existence of illegal unlicensed arms, including smuggled arms, has been noticed. Action for unearthing illegal arms is taken by the State Governments. Separate data for smuggled arms is not maintained. As per available inputs, the figures of illegal arms

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

seized and persons arrested in this regard during the last three years are as follows:

Year	Arms seized	Persons arrested
2002	15,710	13,575
2003	13,682	12,294
2004	11,406	8,604

(c) The Government has taken the following steps to check the proliferation of illegal unlicensed arms-

i) State and UT Governments have been requested to make sustained and continuous efforts to unearth illegal arms.

ii) Regular meetings are held with representatives of Police of States/ UTs to monitor and take stock of the situation.

iii) Border management has been strengthened by construction of border roads, security fencing, flood lighting and enhanced surveillance along the international borders.

Cases taken up by NHRC *suo motu*

1627. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases have been taken up by NHPC *suo motu* during the last three years;

(b) how many cases were registered against the above *suo motu* taken up cases; and

(c) how many offendrs were punished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) 289 cases have been taken up by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) *suo motu* during the last three years. Pursuant to the *suo motu* action taken by the NHRC, action against the delinquent officials has been initiated in 59 cases. FIRs have been registered in 54 cases and departmental action initiated in 5 cases. 19 offenders have been punished.